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SUBJ: ZIPA/ZANU TEAM EN ROUTE TO GENEVA

1. NINE-MAN JOINT ZIPA/ZANU DELEGATION ARRIVED IN DAR ES SALAAM NOVEMBER 29 FROM MAPUTO, AND LEAVES DECEMBER 1 FOR GENEVA TO "STRENGTHEN" ZIPA DELEGATION IN THE NKOMO/MUGABE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

2. DELEGATION INCLUDES ZANU CENTRAL COMMITTEEMEN J. M. TONGOGARA, M.K. HAMADZIRIPI, AND K. M. KANGAI, AS WELL AS ZIPA COMMANDER REX NHONGO.

3. TANZANIA DAILY NEWS DECEMBER 1 PUBLISHED FOLLOWING FRONT-PAGE INTERVIEW WITH THEM:

4. QUOTE: IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE 'DAILY NEWS' YESTERDAY THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE ZANU CENTRAL COMMITTEE SAID THAT THEY WERE PROCEEDING TO GENEVA TO "DISCUSS THE IRREVERSIBLE TRANSFER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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POWER AND CONSOLIDATE THE GAINS OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE." GENEVA

THEY SAID, WAS A SECOND FRONT IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE WHERE AN IMPROTANT VICTORY - THAT OF FORCING THE ENEMY TO CONCEDE INDEPENDENCE AND ANNOUNCE A DATE - HAD BEEN ACHIEVED. "WE ARE NOW GOING TO STRENGTHEN OUR DELEGATION IN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO ENSURE THAT POWER IS TRANSFERRED TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. THE WHOLE STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE HAS BEEN ABOUT POWER. WE MUST ENSURE THAT POWER IS TRANSFERRED TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE AND NOT TO SOME SELL-OUTS AND APOLOGISTS OF IMPERIALISM," THEY SAID.

THE FOUR MEMBERS HAVE PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT AND THAT OF THE MASSES OF ZIMBABWE FOR THE STAND TAKEN BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AT THE GENEVA TALKS. IN AN ADVANCE MESSATE TO THE LEADER OF THE ZANU DELEGATION, NDUGU ROBERT MUGABE, THE FOUR DESCRIBED THE FIXING OF A DATE FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE AS A "VICTORY OF THE JUST ARMED STRUGGLE WAGED BY ZIPA."

"WE URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO SCORE MORE VICTORIES ON THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, UNITED WITH THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE EFFECTIVE AND IRREVERSIBLE TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE." THE MESSAGE ADDED UNQUOTE

5. ALSO ON DECEMBER 1 TANZANIA DAILY NEWS WELCOMED THE ZIPA/ZANU TEAM AND CALLED ON THE FIGHTING FORCES OF ZIMBABWE TO "EXERCISE EVEN MORE VIGILANCE AGAINST THE MACHINATIONS OF THOSE WHO NOW SEEK TO ROB THE PEOPLE OF THEIR VICTORY." IT APPEALED TO NATIONALISTS TO CLOSE RANKS AND AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES ON COMPOSITION OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT BEFORE DISCUSSING IT WITH THE BRITISH. ALTHOUGH ZIMBA-BWEANS WERE PREPARED TO SHED MORE BLOOD IF NECESSARY FOR TOTAL VICTORY, "HISTORY WILL NOT FORGIVE NOR FORGET ANY OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES NOW IN GENEVA WHO WILL CAUSE BLOOD TO CONTINUE BEING SHED FOR OR AGAINST THE REALIZATION OF PERSONAL AMBITIONS."

6. FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER. TANZANIAN MINISTER OF STATE PETER SIYOVELWA RETURNED TO DAR ES SALAAM FROM MAPUTO NOVEMBER 29 AFTER DELIVERING A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NYERERE TO PRESIDENT MACHEL. LEVIN

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